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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 December 2006.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,3-18 and 21 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1,3-18 and 21 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1,3-18 and 21 are pending. Claims 19,20 and 22 are cancelled. Claims 1,3-8,10,12-18 and 21 are amended.
2. The rejection of Claims 19,20 and 22 are mooted in view of applicant's cancellation of the claims.
3. Claims 1,3-18 and 21 stand rejected as unpatentable under 35 USC 103(a) over Collins (US Patent 5876625) in view of Virkler (US Patent 6350872).

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

4. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/22/2006 has been entered.

Claim Objections

5. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: a period is missing at the end of the claim. Appropriate correction is required.

Specification

6. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the scope of the abstract does not conform with the subject matter of the claims. The claims are directed to processes of dyeing textiles while the abstract details uses of an oxidizing system to remove excess, unfixed dye from textiles.

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 12/21/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the modification of Collins in view of Virkler has no reasonable expectation of success if the modification was made and therefore there is no motivation to combine the reference. Applicant argues, specifically, that Collins fails to teach any evidence that the Collins system is capable of oxidizing and decoloring reactive dyes. Further, Applicant argues that there is no motivation to add a rinse step of utilizing the Collins oxidizing system based on the disclosure of Virkler.

The Examiner respectfully disagrees with the above arguments, because as stated in the prior office action, Collins is being modified in view of Virkler and not vice versa. Collins illustrates the use of their bleaching composition in conjunction with direct dyes such as Direct Red 79 (Collins, Col. 26, Example 29). Virkler is being relied upon for the motivation of showing art recognized equivalents, in this case, the equivalence of reactive dyes and direct dyes such as Direct Red 79 (Virkler, Col. 9,

lines 25-39). Therefore It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to substitute the direct dyes of Collins with the reactive dyes of Virkler to yield a method of treating a reactive dyed textile with the oxidizing system containing the macrocyclic metal complex as required by the instant Claims. It would be reasonable to expect that this substitution would work since the dyes have been shown to be functionally equivalent in the art and the same metal complex and oxidizing agents as required by the instant claims are also disclosed in the prior art.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jaison P. Thomas whose telephone number is (571) 272-8917. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas McGinty can be reached on (571) 272-1029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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